



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Group H, Division 8 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	California Building and Fire Codes (2001 ed)		
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Where the State Fire Marshal is the authority having jurisdiction, are Group H, Division 8 occupancies allowed in areas defined by the code as a basement?

The California Building Code does not prohibit a Group H, Division 8 Occupancy in a basement. However, the State Fire Marshal takes much care and consideration to the types of flammable liquids and hazardous materials intended to be used and stored in a Group H, Division 8 occupancy located in a basement. Storage, use and quantities of flammable and hazardous materials in a basement are strictly regulated in Articles 79 and 80 of the California Fire Code.